

GHOST IN THE SHELL
MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE

攻殻機動隊

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この物語に登場する
様々な設定や解説や概
念は全て妄想の産物で
あり、現実とは無関係
の娯楽物です。服用を
誤る事無くお楽しみ頂
ければ幸いです。
またデッチ上げやギミ
ックの「誤用」による
二次被害には当方責任
を負いかねます点を御
了承願います。

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WARNING: READ ME FIRST!

Readers may note that certain panels seem to have been inadvertently left unreversed or have incongruous backwards lettering. These were artistic decisions made by Mr. Shirow during the production of the mirror-imaged foreign edition of *Man-Machine Interface*. — Dark Horse Comics and Studio Proteus

The various situations, explanations, and concepts that appear in this book are a product of my wild imagination, a form of entertainment with no connection to reality. Take according to directions, and enjoy. Be advised that the author assumes no responsibility for any collateral damage resulting from improper use of the various constructs, fabrications, and gimmicks in the story.

APOLOGIES AND CORRECTIONS

In the *Ghost in the Shell* graphic novel published in 1991, the heroine, Motoko Kusanagi, fused with a self-described "intelligent life-form" and left Section 9 of the Public Security Bureau. This story takes place approximately four years and five months later. As a result, this story is quite different from what was originally called *Ghost in the Shell* and featured Public Security's Section 9 (the Special Assault Force). I thought of visually differentiating the new Japanese title from the old one by merely changing the last kanji character, from one that means "military unit" to the homophonic kanji for "body" or "form" (which would shift the meaning of "mobile force" or "riot squad" to something like "mobile-unit-body-entity"), but for a variety of reasons I decided not to do so. To those readers expecting a direct continuation of the prior storyline, I apologize and beg for your understanding. I'm sorry, folks!

— Masamune Shirow

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THDD

I ESTIMATE
SECURITY FORCES
WILL ARRIVE AT
CLARICE'S
COORDINATES IN
258 SECONDS...

PLUS OR
MINUS 20.

MAYBE
THAT'S
FOR A
VIRUS?

HEY, WE'RE
DEALING WITH
PROSTHETIC
BODIES MADE
BY OUR OWN
COMPANY! WHAT
IF YOU INJECT
A VIRUS AND IT
CAUSES LONG-
TERM DAMAGE?

HEH
HEH...JUST
THOUGHT IT
MIGHT WORK
WELL...

FWDD

WRAKK

S
K
R
A
S

W
W
W

APPLY MASKING
TO ANY SATELLITES
ABOVE US WITH VISION
CAPABILITY. CHECK
EXTERNAL ACCESS
TO MONITORING
CAMERAS!













I WANT AN ANALYSIS DONE ON THAT CHAIN! ESTIMATE FATIGUE AND CURRENT TENSILE STRENGTH!

YES'M!

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE CHECKED BEFORE USING IT...?

STOP BABBLING! JUST DO THE ANALYSIS!

WITH HIS R-47 MUSCULATURE, THE CHAIN'LL BREAK IF HE YANKS IT SHARPLY ABOUT 8400 TIMES.

IF HE APPLIES STEADY PRESSURE, IT OUGHT TO LAST FOR ABOUT 62,000 HOURS.

FORGET IT. SECURITY'LL BE HERE IN 245 SECONDS... PLUS OR MINUS 20.

LET'S JUST LEAVE IT UP TO THEM. THEY NEED WORK TO DO, TOO.

AND...UW...I HAVE THE MANUFACTURING RECORDS AND TEST RESULTS HERE TOO, MAISTRESS...

SO SHARP... LIKE A... TOO SHARP...

AFTER THE CONTAMINATION FROM THE ROV, I WANT YOU TO SEARCH AND TRACK ALL TERMINALS WITH OUTSIDE CONNECTIONS IN THIS SECTOR.

ER...ACCORDING TO OUR RELAY LOG, THERE ARE 87, CURRENTLY TESTING...

I'M UNABLE TO CHECK UNCONNECTED BUGS...

I KNOW THAT!



I'VE
TRACKED
DOWN SOME
APPROPRIATE
CLOTHES
IN THE
CONTROL
ROOM.
I'LL SEND
ONE ON THE
WHEEL.

OKAY,
GOOD.

TARGET

CAUTION! FPD

?

JACKET

TARGET

ONLY A
JACKET...?

WHAT?
YOU NEED
A THREE-
PIECE SUIT?

DANTE,
YOU JUST
GOT
DEMOTED
TO
CLEAN-UP
CREW!

B-BUT...
WHY?

MAYBE 'CAUSE
HER SUEE LACKS
PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING?

NAH, SHE JUST
WANTS TO TRY
WEARING
PANTS...



HANNIBAL!
INFILTRATE
LEBRIS AND SET
HIS CLARICE
RECOGNITION
MASKING TO
DEGREE 8...!

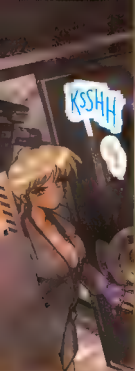
ACTIVATING
NO 2 MASK
ARRAY

I'VE GOT
LEBRIS UNDER
CONTROL DOWN
TO LEVEL 6 SO
FAR HE'S IN
BASEMENT
FOUR, BELOW
SEA-LEVEL

DON'T USE THE
E-BRAIN CORE--
JUST MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE HE'S
CHECKING THE
SYSTEM, AND
STAND BY WITH
EIGHT DECOYS

NO 2 MASK
ARRAY
ACTIVATING

SHAK



KSSH



NO GO
LOOKS
LIKE THE
ENEMY'S
ALREADY
USING
LEBRIS AS
A PAWN.
OR ELSE
HE'S A
VICTIM OF
THE FIRST
ATTACK

PROBABLY
THE LATTER
BUT AT LEAST
WE CAN TRY
AGAIN



STAND BY
TO INJECT
LEBRIS WITH
THE ROV
VIRUS



CAN I
RELEASE THE
BARRIERS,
ETCETERA...?

GO
AHEAD



GET ME A
PROGRESS
REPORT
ON THE
DAMAGE!

WE STILL HAVE NINE
CYBORGS IN THE WARE-
HOUSE AND THE VEHICLE
PLANT TO TAKE CARE OF
THERE'S ALSO TWO NEW
ONES CONTAMINATED
IN ZONE C7242

KEEP UP THE
MONITORING

NO CHANGE IN ENEMY
PROBES IN G8 MAZE
STACK WE ESTIMATE
AN A2 LEVEL OF 3A,
EQUIVALENT TO A
HUMAN WITH EXTREMELY
POOR PROBLEM-
SOLVING SKILLS.

CONTINUE
MONITORING FOR
13 HOURS AFTER
WE BOTTLE UP
THE HARDWARE

AFTER COLLECTING
THE VIRUS TRAPS,
MAG-KILL EM AND
THEN DISPOSE

CONTROL ROOM G2
CLARICE'S EYVIEW

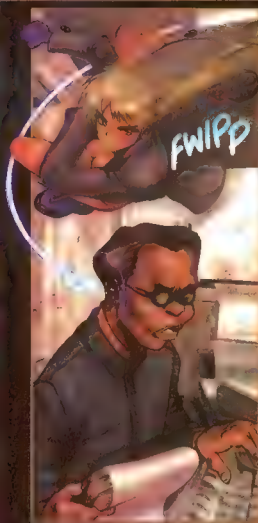
GOTCHA

OH, AND TELL
PERSONNEL TO
CHECK ON THE
WAY THE STAFF
ARE BEING
TREATED.

YES'M!

30
METERS
STRAIGHT
LINE TO
LEBRIS.

STAND BY
WITH F4
DECOYS!
WE'RE
GOING IN
DIRECTLY
AT LEVEL
6!



STANDING
BY
HERE

#4 DECOY
PASSED
ACTIVATION
CHECK

RELEASE
LEBRIS'
BARRIERS!
INJECT THE
ROV VIRUS!

INJECTING
VIRUS!

INFECTION
COMPLETE
FUNCTIONAL
DISABILITY
WILL OCCUR
IN 12
SECONDS,
STARTING AT
LEVEL 2.

NOW
CONFIRMING
PHYSICAL
DISCONNECT
IN PROSTHETIC
BODY AND
ACTIVATION OF
VIRTUAL BODY
SENSATION

ESTIMATED
TIME TIL
IT HITS
LEVEL 6?

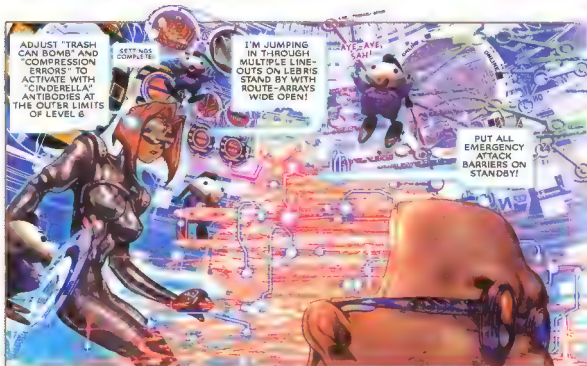
24 SECS

VIRUS

STANDBY WITH D
SET VIRUS ARRAY.
SET QUARTERBACK
TO "CINDERELLA"

AND SET
LEVEL 5
AWARENESS
FIELD!

SETTINGS
COMPLETE



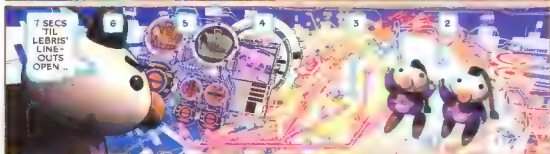
ADJUST "TRASH
CAN BOMB" AND
"COMPRESSION
ERRORS" TO
ACTIVATE WITH
"CINDERELLA"
ANTIBODIES AT
THE OUTER LIMITS
OF LEVEL 6

SETTINGS
COMPLETE

I'M JUMPING
IN THROUGH
MULTIPLE LINE-
OUTS ON LEBRIS
STAND BY WITH
ROUTE-ARRAYS
WIDE OPEN!

WHA-AYE, SAH!

PUT ALL
EMERGENCY
ATTACK
BARRIERS ON
STANDBY!



7 SECS
'TIL
LEBRIS'
LINE-
OUTS OPEN...

6

5

4

3

2



FOUR NEW
LINE-OUTS...
2 SECS 'TIL
ROUTE
ARRAYS ARE
JOINED!

OPEN
LINKS!



YOU'VE
PASSED
THE SET
POINT!
ENTERING
SATELLITE
NET VIA
GAVEL'S
GROUND
STATIONS!

WE
TRIPWIRE
ALARMS
CLOSED

NOW
SEARCHING
FOR
REMAINING

SHIFTING TO
SATELLITE
RELAYS VIA
SAO PAULO
AND TEL AVIV

72 TRAPS
RELEASED
STILL
PROCEEDING

THREE ROUTES
HAVE MERGED
INTO THE
MONNABIA
CABLE
NETWORK

I'VE GOT A RETURN
ON THE HARDWARE
ANALYSIS! IT'S
EITHER THE OUTER
LIMIT OF THE
ENEMY'S BRAIN OR A
MONOGATE-CLASS
NEURO AI

SOMETHING
BOTHERS ME
ABOUT
MONNABIA...

HANNIBAL, TRACE
THE REMAINING
ROUTE AS FAR AS
POSSIBLE! CHUI,
YOU SUPPORT HIM!

YES,
MA'AM!

"CINDERELLA"
ACTIVATION
FINISHED
RECEIVED.

SEARCHING
ENEMY'S
ANTIBODIES

SPLIT UP THE
"ANTIVIRUS
AUTO-UPDATE"
VIRUS AND
RELEASE IT
INTO THREE
LINES!

MA'AM? THE
DATABASE SAYS
THAT VIRUS
CAUSES A
FUNCTIONAL
CONFLICT WITH
"CINDERELLA"...

JUST
DO IT!

WE FIRST TARGET
THE PERIPHERAL
E-BRAIN
HARDWARE AND
LONG-TERM
MEMORY!

ENEMY VIRUS
DETECTION!
AN! BODY'S
WORKING

FUNCTIONAL
CONFLICT IN
INPUT GATE!

RECOVERY
ACTIVITIES
DETECTED!

ESTIMATE
THE ENEMY'S
ACTIVITY
LOG BASED
ON
RESPONSE
TIME AND
BACK!

USE
SHORTEST
ROUTE
POSSIBLE
TO ANCHOR
ATTACK
BARRIERS
ON OTHER
CONFIRMED
GATEWAYS!

ENTERING
LEVEL 2!



ENEMY VIRUS
ANALYSIS
COMPLETE.

IT'S
"PANDORA"
AND "TRASH
CAN BOMB"

MAKE OUR
DECOYS REACT,
BUT DON'T
SHOW THE
ENEMY HOW
WE RESPOND
TO THEIR
DESTRUCTION!

ENEMY
SCAN HAS
REACHED
LEGIS
OUTER
M-FS.

DONEST SEEM TO
INCLUDE ANY OF THE
RECOMBINANT PARTS
OF "PANDORA-9" OR
THE FOUR TYPES OF
SELF-DISASSEMBLING
VIRUSES.

THE ENEMY
KNOWS
WHAT IT'S
DOING IT'S
THE
"RETURNING
ARROW"
TACTIC

JUST TO
BE SURE,
ALLOCATE
10% MORE
EFFORT TO
THE
PERIPHERAL
DEFENSE
LINE.

IF IT
WERE
AN AI...
YES

I'VE
FOUND
THE SYS
ADMIN
SECTOR!

HMM. CPU
PRESSURE
AND BUS
INTERCEPTS
ARE
AWFULLY
LOW.

YOU
THINK
THEY'RE
FAKING
IT?

BUT
WHY...?

WOULDN'T IT
BE FASTER TO
REINFORCE
OUR ATTACK
GROUP?

ENEMY ADDRESS
ANCHORED! WE'VE
SUPPRESSED THE
WIRELESS ROUTES
IT'S POSSIBLE TO
AVOID PHYSICALLY
DISCONNECTING
WIRE LINES!

DO BRANCH
CHECKS AND
HARDWARE
ESTIMATES
ONE MORE
TIME!

ENTERING
LEVEL 2

Wire lines may seem an odd concept in the e-brain era. Yet for relay equipment (and surrogate devices where physical disconnects and powering off by pulling the plug are possible), there are advantages in terms of risk management.



DOUBLE-CHECK THE ARRAYS AND RESPONSE SPEED!

ENEMY ATTACK BARRIER IN ANALYSIS LOG! FEEDING INTO ANALYZER RIGHT NOW--
ACK!!!

LOKI'S IN FREEZE-BLOCK MODE! BLOCK COMPLETE!

TWO DECOYS HAVE LEVEL D DAMAGE!

COPY LOKI IN SHUT-DOWN MODE TO INDEPENDENT HARDWARE, RELOAD THE PRE-OP LOG, AND CONTINUE ANALYZING ENEMY ATTACK BARRIERS!



THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THE ENEMY ADDRESSES... NOT A SINGLE MONNABIA-RELATED BRANCH, NO BANKS, NO REGISTRATIONS...

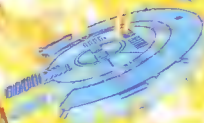
UH OH WE'RE IN LEVEL 5. ENEMY HARDWARE'S CHANGING.

CURRENTLY ANALYZING POSSIBILITY OF VARIOUS VIRUSES AND TRAPS, AND PREPARING RESPONSES



CROSSING GHOST LINE...
LEVEL 6!

RELOADING SYSTEMS



ENEMY ATTACK
BARRIERS
OPERATIONAL!
DAMN--
ACK!

TWO DECOYS
DAMAGED

ENEMY
SCAN HAS
REACHED
LEBIS
SHORT
TERM
MEMORY!

DID YOU
CHANGE
THE
ANTIBODY
VERSION?

V.L.P. TO
CRISK-
478

THEN
SWAP THE
ANALYZER
FOR A GUN
STATION,
AND BRING
IT TO THE
LAUNCH
DOCK

"SOMETHING"
HAS ENTERED
THE LAUNCH
DOCK!

LAUNCH
NOW!

YOU
MEAN...
RESPOND
TO A
"RETURNING
ARROW"
WITH
ANOTHER
"RETURNING
ARROW"...?

YES.
WE'LL
SEE IF
IT'S A
TRAP.

ENEMY
DEFENSE
SYSTEM
PARTIALLY
DESTROYED!

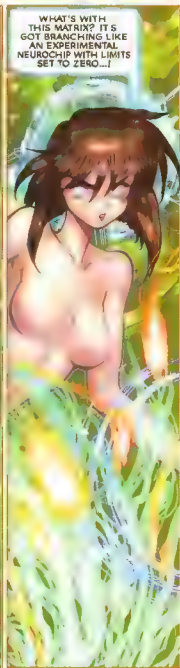
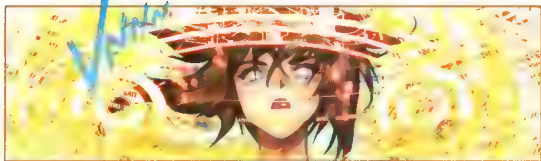
"ANTIVIRUS
AUTO UPDATE"
VIRUS HAS BEEN
RESTORED AND
APPEARS
FUNCTIONAL

ANCHOR IT
TO THE ENEMY'S
GATES! START
WITH A
PERIPHERAL
SEARCH! LEX,
CONTINUE
FIGHTING AS IS.
CONAN, COVER
HIM.

MIX THE
"COPY
BOMB" AND
"TROY"
VIRUSES
TOGETHER
AND
INJECT
THEM INTO
THE GATES!

LEVEL 02


OISEL





ENEMY HAS
INFILTRATED
LEBRIS
LEVEL 5 AND
BEGUN TO
SUPPRESS
PERIPHERAL
RELAYS!

IT'S OKAY...
THAT'S WHY
WE RELAYED
THROUGH
CLARICE. WE
CAN MAKE UP
FOR THREE
RELAYS...



THE 8 SET OF
VIRUS ARRAYS
HAVE BEEN
NEUTRALIZED
RIGHT? IF YOU
CAN, WATCH
THE ENEMY
TRAPS AND
FIGURE OUT
HOW THEY'RE
WORKING!



I'M STILL
BAFFLED
BY THIS
BIZARRE
MEMORY
FIELD

THERE'S AN
AWFUL LOT
OF CAPILLARY
NETSPACE
BRANCHING
HERE, I
WOND--

WOOO!!!



WHAT
WAS
THAT?!



CHANGE IN
ENEMY
HARDWARE!
LOOKS LIKE THEY
CONNECTED
SOMETHING!

LAN: Local Area Network. Not a huge computer network like the Internet, but a limited e-brain space (such as one might find in a corporation or a factory).

NODE: An active connecting point or juncture in a network.





A SEGMENT
OF THE
ENEMY HAS
RANDOMIZED
AND
DISAPPEARED!

A
MIRROR?

ENEMY
SYSTEM
SUPPRESSED
NOW
RECHECKING
FOR MINES,
ETCETERA...



WATCH OUT!
IT'S A MIRROR-
TYPE DECOY!

THIS KIND OF
TRAP IN LEVEL
SIX MEANS
WE'RE DEALING
WITH A BRAIN
THAT'S BEEN
INFECTED BY
E-PARASITES..

STAND BY
FOR
RESULTS
OF
ANALYSIS!



SEARCH FOR ENEMIES
AT GATES! THEY'RE ON
THE PERIPHERY! RAISE
MINE CLEARANCE AND
ANTI-IMMUNE FACTORS
TO CONDITION BLUE!

HANNIBAL!
WHERE'S
THAT TRACE
REPORT?!

CHUI HERE. HANNIBAL'S
FROZEN. ALL DECOYS ARE
HEAVILY DAMAGED!
WE'RE TRYING TO RESTORE
HIM RIGHT NOW...

WE'VE
FINISHED
SEARCHING
EVERYWHERE
EXCEPT THE
"LOST" AREAS.
NO PARASITES
DETECTED

CURRENTLY
RUNNING
FOURTH TEST
ITERATION

SO THEY
GOT
AWAY. ?

RUN A THOROUGH
SEARCH FOR ANY
TRACE OF THE
ENEMY AND DO A
FULL OMEGA TYPE
ANALYSIS ON THIS
BRAIN!

THERE'S A
MONITORING
SYSTEM ON THE
LAN THAT THIS
BRAIN'S
ATTACHED TO.

THEN
SUPPRESS IT
AND SEARCH
ALL
BRANCHES!

256 MINES
ELIMINATED.
NOW
RELAYING TO
VISUAL FIELD.

ANTI-IMMUNE FACTORS A somewhat confusing term, but when a "ghost" inhabits another's brain as a parasite, it deploys more than antibodies and virus checkers—it also uses viruses and gates to suppress the host's self-awareness and ability to reject foreign data. After the parasite ghost withdraws from its host, it may leave behind traces, which can cause an information immune-system deficiency



SINCE
WHEN DID
MONNABIA
HAVE SUCH
A HUGE
LAN...?

WHAT
TH--?!

THESE ARE
THE DONOR
PIGS IN
MEDITECH'S
PLANT
NUMBER ONE!

MAYBE THE PIGS
HAVE JOINED
FORCES TO
REVOLT AGAINST
MEDITECH?

YOU'VE GOT
QUITE AN
IMAGINATION,
DANTE

OUR COMPANY'S
PIGS AREN'T
SUPPOSED TO
HAVE HUMAN
BRAINS... IT'S
AGAINST
INTERNATIONAL
LAW! GET ME
MANAGEMENT
CHARTS AND A
PIG SCAN
REPORT!

5 NCE WHEN
HAVE WE
CARED ABOUT
INTERNATIONAL
LAW, MISTRESS?

MAKE OFFICIAL
CONTACT WITH
THE PLANT
THROUGH
LEBRIS, AND
SEARCH THE
PERIPHERY OF
THE PLANT FOR
ANY UNUSUAL
WIRES!

YES,
M'A'M!

I'LL USE
THE ROBOTS
IN THE
PLANT

UM... I PUT TOGETHER
THIS GRAPH OF
ORDERS FOR EACH
TYPE OF ORGAN
BEING GROWN NO
HUMAN BRAINS
RECORDED, WITH
100% OF SEARCH
COMPLETED.

THEIR NERVOUS
SYSTEMS SEEM
WELL DEVELOPED,
BUT THEY'RE NOT
FUNCTIONING AS
HUMANS...

BUT THEY ARE
VERY
INTELLIGENT.

UNDER
INTERNATIONAL
LAW THESE
AREN'T HUMAN-
PIGS, BUT PIG-
HUMANS...

SHALL
WE
SNUFF
'EM?

WE'RE UP
AGAINST A
TOUGH ENEMY
HERE WONDER
WHEN IT
INFILTRATED
MEDITECH...?

YOU THINK THE
ENEMY OBTAINED
INFORMATION
ON MONNABIA'S
FUTURE
SCHEDULING
FROM LEBRIS'
BRAIN? WHAT
KIND OF SWEEP
DID THEY DO?

LOOKS LIKE
THEY EXPANDED
IMMEDIATELY FROM
LEVEL 5 AND LIFTED
ALL PERIPHERAL
INFO IN ONE
BEAUTIFUL SWEEP
BUT THEY LEFT
LEBRIS IN GOOD
CONDITION.

AFTER THE
TERROR
ATTACK,
OUR
COMPANY
AND
MONNABIA
MUST HAVE
HAD AN
EMERGENCY
MEETING...

GOOD,
GOOD.



WAIT A SEC... THIS MEANS WE'RE DEALING WITH TWO ENEMIES!

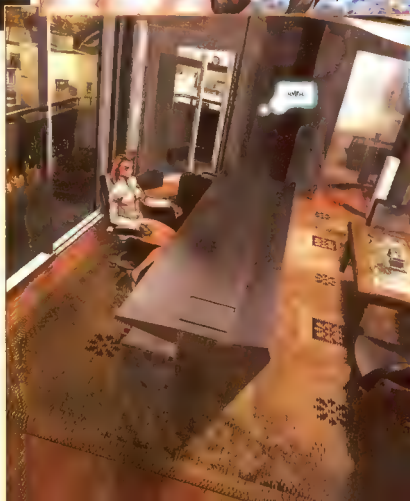
ONE'S TURNED OUR HUMAN-PIGS INTO PIG-HUMANS AND IS USING THE BRAINS THE OTHER'S RAIDED THEM... INTERESTING!

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN, THOUGH?



MAYBE IT'S AN INTERNAL PROBLEM. OR AN ATTEMPT TO COVER ONE UP... HMM.

MISTRESS? WE AUDITED THE GENE DESIGNER GROUP VIA LEBRIS, BUT FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT, IN EITHER LAID-OFF WORKERS OR E-BRAIN STAFF



SHIVA!

SHIVA! RETRIEVE CLARICE, DO A MAG-KILL, RELOAD AND SLEEP!

YES'M! WE'VE GOT A STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS REPORT ALREADY... SHE NEEDS DELTA LEVEL MAINTENANCE DONE.



WHAT IF THE
ENEMY--WITH
GOOD INTENTIONS--
SIMPLY WANTED TO
LET US KNOW IT'S
BEEN USING ILLEGAL
HUMAN BRAIN
COPIES FROM PIGS
DESIGNED TO
MANUFACTURE
HUMAN ORGANS...?

GET ME A
LIST OF ALL
PERSONNEL
INVOLVED
AT THE
GENETIC
DESIGN
STAGE.

ROGER!

AND PUT
TOGETHER A
DATA-HUMINT
REPORT ON ANY
CHANGES IN
THEIR ECONOMIC
SITUATION,
RELATIONSHIPS,
AND
PHILOSOPHIES.

LEON.

ALSO, LET
ME KNOW
WHAT THEIR
DEFENSE
STRATEGY
AGAINST
E-THUGS
WAS AT
THE TIME

RIGHT
AWAY!

CHUI, YOU LOOK FOR
ANY TRACES OF THE
ENEMY, AND ANALYZE
THEM FOR
CROSSLINKS.

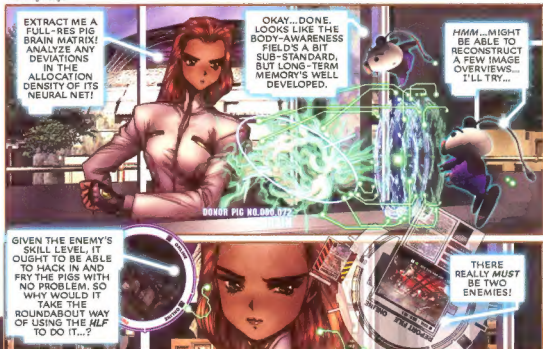
HMM

BUT
WHY
PIGS?

AND NOT
NEURO-
NET ARE?

WHY D
THEY
WANT TO
LINK SO
MANY
HUMAN
BRAINS?

MAYBE
BECAUSE
IT'S
HUMAN?



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